

# **Building Control (Accredited Checkers) (Amendment) Regulations 2001**

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## **BUILDING CONTROL ACT (CHAPTER 29)**

## BUILDING CONTROL (ACCREDITED CHECKERS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2001

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 49 of the Building Control Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Regulations:

### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Building Control (Accredited Checkers) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2001.

### **Amendment of regulation 1**

2. Regulation 1 of the Building Control (Accredited Checkers) Regulations (Rg 2) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting the words “(Accredited Checkers)” and substituting the words “(Accredited Checkers and Accredited Checking Organisations)”.

### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 2**

3. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

#### **“Accreditation Selection Panels**

2.—(1) The committee of persons appointed by the Commissioner of Building Control to assist him under section 16(4) of the Act shall be known as the Accreditation Selection Panel.

(2) For the purpose of determining whether an applicant has fulfilled the prescribed requirements for registration as an accredited checker, the Accreditation Selection Panel may interview any applicant for registration as an accredited checker to determine whether the applicant has such proper and recognised training and practical experience in the design and construction of buildings as will enable him to effectively perform the duties of an accredited checker.

(3) The Accreditation Selection Panel shall be chaired by the Commissioner of Building Control or by such person as the Commissioner may appoint from amongst the members of the Panel.”.

### **Amendment of regulation 3**

4. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by renumbering the regulation as paragraph (1) of that regulation;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “checker” in the 2nd line of paragraph (1), the words “, or have his registration as an accredited checker renewed,”;
- (c) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (1)(c);
- (d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:
  - “(e) he is insured against professional liability for a minimum sum of not less than \$500,000.”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraphs:
  - “(2) Paragraph (1)(e) shall not apply if the accredited checker undertakes work as an accredited checker on behalf of an accredited checking organisation.
  - (3) The Commissioner of Building Control may, subject to such conditions as he may specify, waive the requirements of paragraph (1)(e) in respect of any period if the applicant satisfies the Commissioner that he will not undertake work as an accredited checker on his own behalf during that period.
  - (4) The Commissioner of Building Control may refuse to renew any registration as an accredited checker which has previously been suspended or cancelled.”; and
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the word “registration” in the regulation heading, the words “and renewal of registration”.

### **New regulation 3A**

5. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 3, the following regulation:

#### **“Requirements for registration and renewal of registration as accredited checking organisations**

**3A.**—(1) No firm shall be registered as an accredited checking organisation, or have its registration as an accredited checking organisation renewed, unless —

- (a) it consists of or has in its employ —
  - (i) an accredited checker registered under section 16 of the Act;

- (ii) 2 persons who are professional engineers registered under the Professional Engineers Act (Cap. 253) in the civil or structural engineering discipline; and
  - (iii) not less than 2 other persons who are professional engineers registered under the Professional Engineers Act in the civil or structural engineering discipline or who possess such qualifications as will entitle them to be registered as professional engineers under that Act in the civil or structural engineering discipline;
- (b) the accredited checker referred to in paragraph (a)(i) does not undertake work as an accredited checker on his own behalf or for any other accredited checking organisation;
  - (c) it has an ISO 9001 certification under the scope of “Structural Design Services”; and
  - (d) it is insured against professional liability for a sum of not less than \$2 million.

(2) The Commissioner of Building Control may refuse to renew any registration as an accredited checking organisation which has previously been suspended or cancelled.”.

#### **Deletion and substitution of regulation 4**

6. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

##### **“Fee for registration and renewal of registration**

4. A fee of \$150 shall be payable in respect of each application for registration or renewal of registration as an accredited checker or an accredited checking organisation.”.

#### **Amendment of regulation 6**

7. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1), an accredited checker